



# Morning Worship

## November 16, 2025

Seeking to glorify God in all things through His son Jesus Christ.

### Worship Service 10:30am

Metropolitan Baptist Church warmly welcomes our visitors today. If you are visiting with us, please fill out the card located in the pew/rack and place it in the offering plate so we can get to know you better.

Call to Gather	"Give Thanks"	#170
Welcome / Announcements		Pastor Steve
Church in Confession		Clayton Harsch
Call to Worship	John 15:11, Psalm 100:1-2	
Congregational Songs of Praise		Praise Team
Psalm Reading		Psalm 95
Church in Prayer		Pastor Jack
Offering /Offertory	Children Dismissed for Children's Church	
Preparation Hymn	"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"	#169
Scripture		Colossians 1:1-8
Message	Thanking God for One Another	Pastor Jack
Closing Song		Praise Team
Benediction		Ephesians 6:23-24

#### For Your Convenience...

**There is Nursery available for parents with small children.**  
**Thanks to this week's Volunteers - Arlette B., Jennifer K., Jadyn F. Next Week's Volunteers - November 23 - Nancy H., Janet & Ellie M.**  
**Children's Church Volunteer Today - Susan Ray-Degges**  
**Thank you for silencing your cell phones during the Worship Service. Quiet Bags are hanging in the library next to the video rack.**

## The Church in Prayer

### NCA Pastors and Ministries of the Week

Venturia Baptist, Venturia, ND  
Gordon (Janis) Bakan, Pastor

### MBC Supported Missions

**Craig & Maureen Moody (NAB Cameroon):** Craig and Maureen have served as missionaries in Cameroon in a variety of capacities throughout the years. Though they moved back to Canada last year, Maureen continues to serve remotely in the role of field director for Cameroon. Pray for Maureen as she tackles the role of field director from half a world away. For more information go to: [nabonmission.org/missionaries/maureen-moody](http://nabonmission.org/missionaries/maureen-moody)

**Child Evangelism Fellowship - CEF of Fargo/Moorhead** is the local chapter of Child Evangelism Fellowship that seeks to reach children in the Fargo, Moorhead, Dilworth, and West Fargo areas with the gospel of Jesus Christ and establish them in a local church and the Word of God for Christian growth. They hold Camp Good News camps during the summer and Good News Clubs during the school year. The new Ministry Coordinator is Michelle Brown, working full-time and running programs. Michelle and her husband Nate have 4 children. They previously served in Ecuador as missionaries. She has a passion and love for sharing the gospel and Christ's love with children and getting to pour into volunteers and staff. At the end of the year, Doug Sikkink will transfer into the state director role full-time and Michelle will become the local chapter director.

### NAB Missionary of the Week

  
**Tamas & Tunde Modi**  
**NAB Global Missionary Partners in Romania**  
Tamas and Tunde are Romanians working with the team of NAB missionaries at Camp Falcon Rock. Tamas is the camp director, and Tunde serves as the administrator. They are supported by NAB churches to enable them to serve as God has called them.

Pray for the camp ministry; they have increased capacity in recent years with the addition of the main lodge, allowing them to host groups year round. For more information go to: [nabonmission.org/missionaries/tamas-tunde-modi](http://nabonmission.org/missionaries/tamas-tunde-modi)

## Youth News

MBC Family & Friends:  
Please consider hosting a  
**Youth Group Supper**  
Sunday evenings, 5:00 - 7:30pm.  
And/or ... To provide a course for the  
**Christmas Progressive Dinner - Dec. 13th**  
A schedule is posted on the  
Youth Bulletin Board  
for the opportunity to sign up.  
Thank You!!

**Change to Make a Change** The Youth Group Missions Donation Box is located in the back of the sanctuary. Drop your spare change or donations in the box to help us make a change in the world through missions; for future Youth Mission trips.

Every penny helps!!

### ~ Upcoming Youth Events ~

Today - November 16th  
Operation Christmas Child Box Packing  
5:00 - 7:30 pm at MBC  
Hosted by the Degges'

Watch your emails for details

## Prayer & Praise Items

"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people."  
*I Timothy 2:1 ESV*

- Pray for **Cameroon** due to the civil unrest that continues. Pray for God to bring peace to the country.
- Pray for the **Russia-Ukraine** conflict. Pray for peace.
- Pray for **Israel**. God's will be done. Pray for peace and rebuilding.
- Pray for the **leadership** of our country, state, and city. May they see their need for a Savior and seek Him!
- **Continue to pray for salvation** for all those we know who need the Lord; family members, friends, co-workers, and neighbors.
- Continue in prayer for those in our church family, and others, facing health issues: **Morris Peterson, Arlene Franchuk, Sherry Buchholz, Gail Biby, Larry Crooks, Arlene Palm, Karen Parrott, Ron Parrott, Kevin Preston, Jacque Ulstad, Darlene Wahl, Waltraut Wolff, Elmer Ackerman, Tammy Bluel, Glenn Burrell, Steven Kieffer, and Joan Frey.** Pray for peace, comfort, continued strength, and healing in each of their circumstances.
- Pray for the **MBC's Upcoming Activities**: OCC Box Packing, Holiday Food For Families, Gingerbread House Building, Women's Christmas Dinner, Christmas Cantata . . .

### MBC Church Family Praise

- **Praise** for the release of the hostages in the Middle East.

## Announcements

### Mondays in the Summer (Fall)

Men's Reading Group

Monday, November 17th - 6:30pm

reading through J.I. Packer's book, "A Quest For Godliness."  
Chapter 18



### Save the Date - Gingerbread House Building

- Everyone is invited!! Sunday evening, Dec. 7th, 5:00pm, Fellowship Hall/Gym

Please bring building tools and candy, etc. to share for decorating  
If you would like to help provide food for the dinner; soup, sandwiches, etc.

There is a sign up available at the Resource Center

Blueprints are also available at the Resource Center



### MBC Women's Christmas Dinner and Secret Sister Reveal

#### "The Light of the World is Jesus"

will be held **Monday, December 8th, 6:30 pm at MBC**.

All women and teen girls of the church are invited.

\$15 per person to help cover the cost of food / at the door

Those who do not have a Secret Sister may bring a gift under \$20 to exchange (optional).

If you plan on attending, please indicate so on the sign up sheet available at the Resource Center.



## Announcements Continued



Leaders and/or Listeners Needed - see Janet Kirsch

**"A Christmas Gathering"** Christmas Cantata  
Practices have begun for this year's Christmas program.  
Everyone is welcome to participate - children and adults!!  
Practices will be held:

November 22nd, and December 6th & 13th  
The Program will be **December 14th, 5:30pm**

Practices will begin at 10am, unless otherwise announced.



**Holiday Food for Families:** Through the month of November, the Outreach and Evangelism Board would like to provide a turkey, vegetables and a dessert for approximately 15 of our former Angel Food customers, some current church families, and your nominated families, to bless them this holiday season.

You can help in a number of ways:

1. Sign up to buy & store a 10-12 lb. turkey until needed in early December (wait until November sales). 
2. Sign up to buy & store 2 large bags of either frozen corn, carrots or green beans until needed.
3. Sign up to buy & store a fresh or frozen Pumpkin or Apple pie until needed.

~~~ Sign up sheet is available at the Resource Center ~~~



### Holiday Food for Families Canned Food Drive!

Please help us gather non-perishable foods such as canned vegetables, fruits, soups, and boxed items to be given in our Holiday Food Boxes December 6th. Place them in the box available in the foyer by December 3rd. Cases or Bulk items also accepted. Thank You!

**Praise & Worship Christmas Dinner/Party** - for those involved in the Worship Ministry, hosted by Clayton & Nancy Harsch, Tuesday, December 16th, 6-9pm, at their home in West Fargo.

See your email for details, and RSVP by December 10th.

### 2026 Feed My Starving Children, FargoMobile Pack

February 22nd - 28th at the Red River Valley Fairgrounds  
To Volunteer or Donate go to <https://fargopack.org>  
beginning December 11th



Please register yourselves; as a family, group or individual

**Notice of Special Congregational Meeting - November 23rd** following the Worship service, regarding the Sprinkler Head Replacement project funding.

For more details, see the posting on the bulletin board in the entryway.



### IN THE EVENT OF A CARDIAC EMERGENCY (HEART ATTACK) or LIFE THREATENING INJURY:

Metropolitan Baptist has an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) located in the back hallway across from the office door, and a Medical Oxygen & Trauma Kit. Also available in the kit: Narcan, for Opioid Overdose Emergencies.

Call **911**, and then locate these items to administer medical care until help arrives. The AED uses simple voice commands and can quickly restore proper heart rhythm to save a life when seconds count!



## This Week

### Today

9:15 am Fellowship  
9:30 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Morning Worship  
5:00 pm Youth Group  
OCC Box Packing

### Monday, November 17

6:30 pm 'Mondays in the Summer'  
6:45 pm Ladies Bible Study

### Tuesday, November 18

1:00 pm Ladies Bible Study

### Wednesday, November 19

6:25 pm Awana Check-in  
6:25-8:10 pm Awana

### Saturday, November 22

10 am Cantata Practice

## Metropolitan Staff

|                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Jack Bluel                   | Senior Pastor               |
| Steve Burrell                | Pastor of Outreach & Evang. |
| Nancy Harsch                 | Worship Coordinator         |
| Neal & Erica Anderson        | Youth Coordinators          |
| Sue Mavis                    | Administrative Assistant    |
| Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday | 8:30am-3:00pm               |

## Attendance & Giving

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|------------------------------|---------|
| Avg. Attendance for November | 101     |
| Amount Needed Weekly         | \$6,115 |
| November 2, 2025             | \$7,150 |
| Online week of 11-2-2025     | \$1,619 |
| November 9, 2025             | \$3,072 |
| Online week of 11-9-2025     | \$832   |

### Are you continuing to read the MBC Evangelism & Outreach Minutes?

Watch your email, weekly on Tuesday mornings, for an inspiring, short thought to motivate and enhance your witness.  
"One Thing You Can't Do In Heaven . . ."

## Upcoming Events

### November 2025

22 - Cantata Practice  
23 - Special Cong. Meeting  
27 - Thanksgiving

### December 2025

2 - O&E Board Meeting  
6, 13 - Cantata Practices  
7 - Communion  
7 - Gingerbread House Building

8 - WMF Christmas Dinner and Secret Sister Reveal  
9 - Board Meetings

13 - Youth Progressive Dinner  
14 - Christmas Cantata  
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Morning Prayer - 9am - Chapel

Next Meeting January 25, 2026

## Recognitions

### Birthdays

John Buegel (Today)  
Jadyn Frey (Wednesday)

### Member of the Week

Rodney Kitzan

### Caring Person for November

Marissa Svaleson

## 2:42 Groups

### November

Sun., Nov. 23 12:30pm Svaleson

### December

Thurs., Dec. 4 6:00pm Wolff

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*"We always  
thank God,  
the Father  
of our Lord  
Jesus Christ,  
when we  
pray for you,"*

Colossians 1:3 ESV

*Colossians 1:1-8*



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